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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Regional Analysis Division, OSR

SUBJECT : Preliminary Assessment

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1. All COMIREX Staff components, including ICRS and EXSUBCOM, have found the Preliminary Assessments of considerable value. The assessments provide in compact form the earliest comprehensive substantive overview of mission accomplishment in the perspective of all sources of information.

2. We recognize that this utility does not override cost and manpower considerations elsewhere within the DDI, particularly the alternative uses of the same resources. Given the expensiveness of the collection systems, however, we have long believed -- as a matter of principle -- that an early evaluation of substantive results should be provided regularly for every mission to intelligence production managers and analysts. Since the present report has become somewhat stylized, a change of emphasis along this line probably would be warranted in any case. The "cost-effectiveness" of the Preliminary Assessment might also be increased if it were regularly distributed to other agencies and departments as a general purpose CIA issuance. We believe both its quality and timeliness support such consideration.

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